# Covered Electronic Waste Recycling Program

## Stakeholder Workshop





### Today's Agenda

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- CalRecycle Update
- DTSC Update
- CRT Glass Management Challenges
- CEW Payment System Regulations



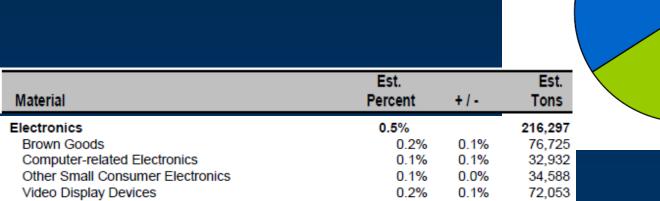
### Legislative and Regulatory History

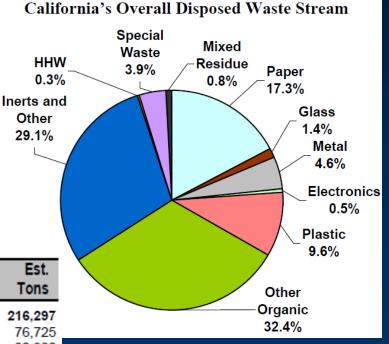
- 2001 DTSC clarifies that CRT devices are hazardous when disposed
- 2002 CA's universal waste rules adopted prohibiting disposal of electronics (household exception until 2006)
- 2003 Electronic Waste Recycling Act (SB 20, Sher)
- 2004 Cell Phone Recycling Act
- 2005 Covered Electronic Waste (CEW) recycling program initiated



#### Fastest Growing Part of Waste Stream?!?!

CalRecycle's 2008 Data:







#### **Toxic and Hazardous Materials**

- Lead
- Mercury
- Cadmium
- Arsenic
- Chromium
- Copper
- Barium
- Halogenated Polymers
- Brominated Flame Retardants





#### **Uncontrolled Export**





#### **Wasted Resources**





### And of course, MONEY

 There is a net cost to properly manage certain items such as CRT video displays

 Removing barriers to preferred behavior is the fundamental goal



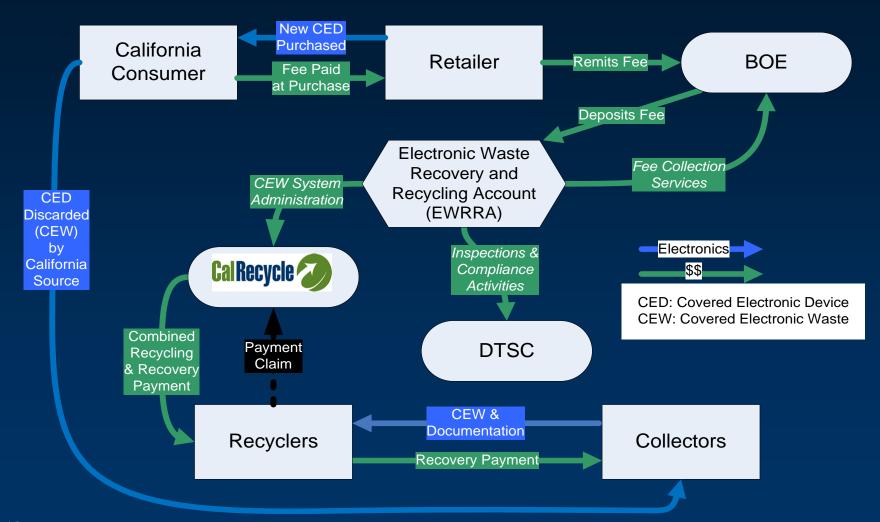
### **Electronic Waste Recycling Act**

#### **Intent**

- Provide financial relief to local government
- Foster convenient recycling opportunities for consumers throughout the state
- Reduce illegal dumping
- Eliminate the consumer stockpile of waste monitors/TVs
- Decrease amount of hazardous materials in covered devices



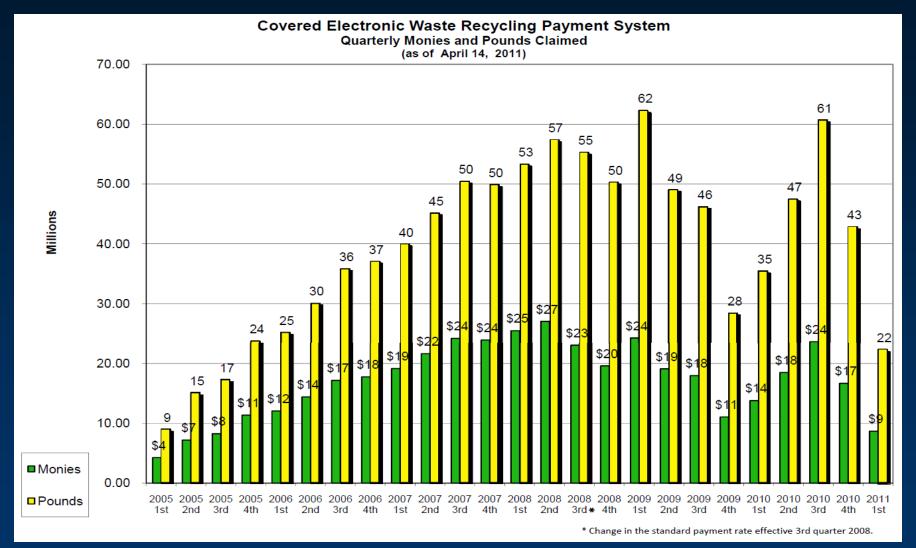
#### **Covered Electronic Waste (CEW) Recycling System**





#### **CEW Recycling System Quarterly Volumes**

> 988 million pounds of CEW claimed since program inception



- Volume peak in 1st quarter 2009 likely due to digital broadcast transition
- CRT glass export market disruption occurred in 4th quarter 2009; industry still recovering...

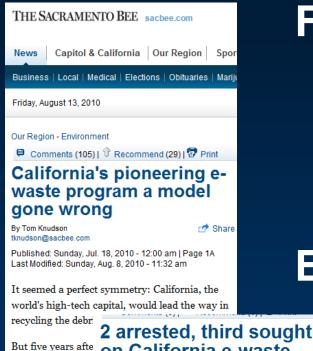


# Claim Approval Rates

Year	Claimed	Paid	Approval Rate
2005	\$ 30.9 million	\$ 29.2 million	94.5%
2006	\$ 60.7 million	\$ 59.8 million	98.4%
2007	\$ 88.4 million	\$ 86.7 million	98.1%
2008	\$ 96.4 million	\$ 90.5 million	93.9%
2009	\$ 71.9 million	\$ 63.5 million	88.4%
2010*	\$ 71.9 million	\$ 70.6 million	98.2%
2011*	\$ 2.6 million	\$ 2.5 million	98.0%



#### **2010 Media Attention**



#### Fraud Allegations

- Reports on the paucity of fraud prosecutions
- Speculation of fraud extent

#### **Export Allegations**

- Sources say ~ 200 million pounds unprocessed e-waste annually 2008 & 2009
- DTSC records show far less than 10 million pounds

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State officials have arrested two Bay Area men

– and are seeking a third in China – on
criminal charges of attempting to defraud the
state of \$1 million in electronic waste recycling
payments.

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### **Electronic Waste Legislation**

#### 2011/12 California Legislative Session

- AB 549 (Carter) -- Would clarify covered electronic waste eligibility and the State's authority to review payment claims.
- AB 794 (Wieckowski) -- Would also clarify covered electronic waste eligibility, State's authority to review payment claims; establish penalties for false documentation.



### **Electronic Waste Legislation**

#### 2011/12 California Legislative Session

- AB 583 (Knight) -- Transfers certain duties, powers, and authority of the DTSC under the Electronic Waste Recycling Act to CalRecycle.
- AB 960 (Lowenthal) -- Would revise requirements imposed on exportation of electronic waste and component parts.

Official California Legislative Information website:



#### Other Actions Over Past Year

- Payment rates left unchanged
- Consumer fee levels reduced
- Net Cost Report online filing initiated



### **Net Costs and Payment Rates**

#### **Comparison of Reported Costs**

	2005	2006	2007 (all reports)	2008* (all reports)	2009 (refined)
Recovery	17.1	16.7	14.8	16.6	14.4
Recycling	25.2	21.5	21.0	22.8	18.7
Total	42.3	38.2	35.8	39.4	33.1

<sup>\*</sup> DOF validation of 2008 reports rated lower than either 2007 or 2009.



### **Net Costs and Payment Rates**

- CalRecycle left rates unchanged
  - \$0.16/lb recovery
  - \$0.23/lb recycling
- Reconciling "average net costs" with intent of Act not a perfect fit
  - -Rates based on averages do not cover all costs
    - By definition: some paid too little, some too much
  - -Weighted averages reflect entire industry's cost
  - -Regulations allow for service charges



### **Electronic Waste Recycling Fee**

#### CalRecycle can adjust fee annually

- Due to solvency concerns, CIWMB acted in June 2008 to increase fee levels (effective January 1, 2009)
- Due to excess reserves, CalRecycle acted in July 2010 to reduce fees to original levels (effective January 2011)
- \$6, \$8 or \$10
- \$80 million "borrowed" for FY 10/11 budget fix



3065 Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Account, Integrated Waste			
Management Fund <sup>s</sup>			
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$38,352	\$153,271	\$61,618
Prior year adjustments	1,102		<u>-</u>
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$39,454	\$153,271	\$61,618
REVENUES, TRANSFERS, AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS			
Revenues:			
125600 Other Regulatory Fees	175,808	81,000	86,000
150300 Income From Surplus Money Investments	407	654	198
161000 Escheat of Unclaimed Checks & Warrants	3	-	-
Transfers and Other Adjustments:			
FO0387 From Integrated Waste Management Account, Integrated Waste Management	-	-	1,543
Fund loan per Item 3500-011-3065, Budget Act of 2010			
TO0001 To General Fund Loan per Item 3500-011-3065, Budget Act of 2010	-	-80,000	-
TO0387 To Integrated Waste Management Account, Integrated Waste Management Fund	-	-1,543	-
loan per Item 3500-011-3065, Budget Act of 2010			
Total Revenues, Transfers, and Other Adjustments	\$176,218	\$111	\$87,741
Total Resources	\$215,672	\$153,382	\$149,359
EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS			
Expenditures:			
0840 State Controller (State Operations)	34	82	35
0860 State Board of Equalization (State Operations)	4,198	4,739	4,773
3500 Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (State Operations)	54,659	84,577	84,779
3910 California Integrated Waste Management Board (State Operations)	1,102	-	-
3960 Department of Toxic Substances Control (State Operations)	2,408	2,294	2,676
8880 Financial Information System for California (State Operations)	<u>-</u> _	72	392
Total Expenditures and Expenditure Adjustments	\$62,401	\$91,764	\$92,655
FUND BALANCE	\$153,271	\$61,618	\$56,704
Reserve for economic uncertainties	153,271	61,618	56,704

### **Net Cost Reporting**

Reports were "due" March 1, 2011

- Online reporting new this year
  - Launch delayed for technical reasons
  - Patience and cooperation appreciated
  - 257 new "WebPass" accounts
  - 333 paper submittals
- Approximately 120 "no shows"

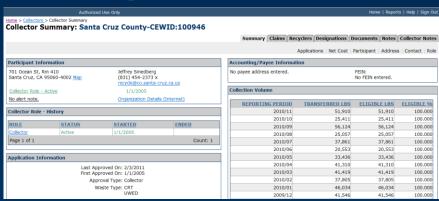


#### The CEWIS

#### Covered Electronic Waste Information System

Captures almost all data from program...

- Participants (applications, status, etc)
- DTSC Verifications and Findings
- Collector / Recycler Relationships & Performance
- Residual Disposition
- Claim Data
- Accounting / Payments
- Net Cost Information





### **Net Cost Reporting**

Department of Finance (DOF) Validation

DOF auditors will again assess reports

Time allows for additional scrutiny

Goal is to improve quality of data



#### **DTSC** Issues



Covered Electronic Devices: What's New?

- Regulatory Clean-up
- Handler / Treatment Issues:
  - Un-notified Handler Destinations
  - Domestic CRT Glass Destinations
  - Export Reporting Requirements



What are we going to do with all the glass?

(at what cost?)



#### **Cancelled CRT Devices = Bare Tubes**

- •CRT glass regulated as universal waste (if managed correctly)
- Additional authorization necessary to "treat" glass
- Glass must be "shipped" before payment claim





#### **Glass Markets**

- New in-state processing technologies installed
- Future of CRTs limited
- Concerns about fate of glass exported / in storage





#### **CEW Payment System Requirements**

- 14 CCR 18660.22(c)(1) Ship all the (CRT glass) derived from the cancelled CEWs to an end-use destination authorized to receive and further treat the (CRT glass)...
- 14 CCR 18660.23(g)(4)(C) For all shipments of (CRT glass), a discussion of the ultimate disposition of the material shipped demonstrating that the disposition is not disposal to land, water or air...

#### **Universal Waste Rules**

- 22 CCR 66273.75(c)(2) A universal waste handler whose treatment of electronic devices and/or CRTs generates CRT glass as defined in section 66273.9 shall ensure that all CRT glass-residuals are sent to a CRT glass manufacturer or to a primary or secondary lead smelter and recycled...



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### **Covered Electronic Waste (CEW) Payment System Rules**

#### Time for changes?

- Section 100
- Definitions
- Applicability / Limitations
- Designations
- Electronic Recordkeeping
- Transfer Reports
- Non-CRT CEW Documentation
- <sub>31</sub> ????



### **Questions / Comments?**

Open Forum



### Thank you for attending...

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